

## SHEEPMEN COME HERE TO TAKE OVER RANCH

INDICATIONS ARE THAT ULTIMATELY ONTARIO WILL BE HEADQUARTERS.

## MANY IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

G. E. Stanfield and H. A. Dorsey of Stanfield and Monty Gwinn Are Ontario Visitors Monday.

That ultimately Ontario will be the headquarters for the Malheur Livestock company, as well as that of R. N. Stanfield's great sheep holdings is the belief of many citizens as the result of the initial efforts which the recent purchasers of the great holdings in Malheur, Harney and Grant counties are making. This belief is furthered by the fact that this city is the center of the great feed producing section from which supplies will be received and being the nearest main line city is the logical location of the company's headquarters.

G. E. Stanfield and H. A. Dorsey of Stanfield, who are connected with R. N. Stanfield, the principal owner of the Malheur Livestock company and Monty Gwinn of Boise, who is associated with him in the property were in Ontario on Monday of this week, registered at the Carter House.

Mr. Gwinn declared that at the present time, at least, the company was not ready to announce its plans nor to confirm the report that it would work from Ontario.

When asked whether or not it was true that Mr. Stanfield contemplated moving his plants from Stanfield and Pendleton to Ontario, Mr. Gwinn said he could not answer that question. "All I can say is we are here," he said.

"It is natural that Ontario will be an important point in connection with our business. For the present the headquarters will be in Boise, but we are planning a great deal of work on the holdings. Of course it will take a great deal of time to complete the work planned. It may require a year."

Mr. Gwinn, who is prominent in Idaho politics has no fears for a repetition of the democratic success there two years hence when Senator W. E. Borah comes up for re-election. "They cannot defeat Senator Borah," he said, "he is too well liked by the people."

## POST OFFICE FLIT THANKSGIVING EVENT

Ontario Will Not Entertain Noisy Thanksgiving Day—No Foot Game—Union Service.

The moving of the post office from its present location to its new home in the Wilson building will be the only feature event of Thanksgiving day in Ontario. There will be no football game, no turkey shoot or none of the other events which some times characterizes the day.

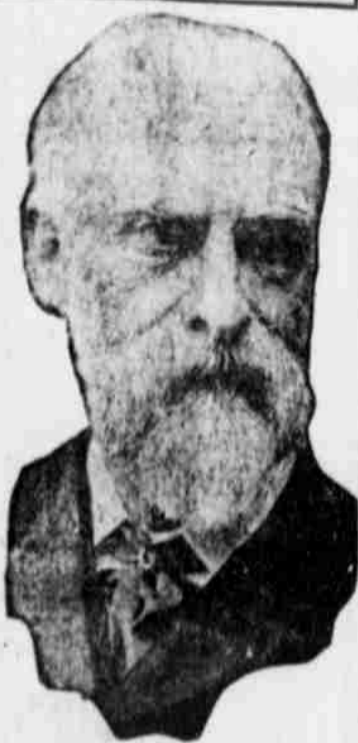
The one Thanksgiving feature will be a union service of the churches to be held at the United Presbyterian church. This will take place at 10:30. The sermon will be preached by Rev. D. E. Baker.

There has been no agreement among the business men as to time of closing. Some of the stores will close for the day while others will be open until noon to care for belated shoppers.

Generally speaking Ontario will make Thanksgiving day an occasion for family reunions and the entertainment of friends. Many large dinners are planned for the day and while the men of Ontario rest the women will work on big turkey dinners.

Attorney W. E. Lees returned Wednesday from a trip to Eastern Idaho during which he visited Pocatello, Idaho Falls and other cities on the Salt Lake to Butte line. The ranchers of that portion of the Goshute report a prosperous year says Mr. Lees.

JAMES BRYCE



In a recent address Lord Bryce advocates a league to enforce peace and decries the "war after the war" spirit which is strong among the allies.

## SOLD BIG HOLDINGS LOOKS FOR MORE

P. H. O'Neil Is Evidently Not Out of the Sheep Business For Good.

Accompanied by A. W. Trow, local representative of the Oregon Western Colonization company, P. H. O'Neil who recently sold his interests in the Malheur Livestock & Land company made a trip thru Malheur county and across Harney into Crook county. On the trip Mr. O'Neil looked at the large tracts still in the possession of the Western Colonization company.

While Mr. O'Neil made no purchase during the trip nor did he give any indication that he would do so soon, the fact that he made such a journey indicates that the sale of his local holdings does not mean that he is retiring from the sheep business.

## READY TO PROCEED ON NYSSA DRAINAGE

Attorney C. C. Wilson of Neighboring City Tells of Status of Big Improvement.

Attorney C. C. Wilson of Nyssa was in Ontario on business Tuesday. At the present time the people in the vicinity of Nyssa are more interested in the progress of the drainage of the land in that section than anything else and are receiving substantial encouragement.

"The bonds have been sold for the work at a most advantageous price," said Mr. Wilson, "and that is not all we have received a very good bid on the contract for the construction of the drainage. The only thing that is delaying the work now is the lack of approval of the state engineer. The plans have been forwarded to him and all the papers are in his hands for his official signature. When this is secured the contract will be formally signed and the work started."

"The Nyssa district embraces slightly over 5000 acres and the people feel that the construction of the drainage district will mean a great deal for the entire farming district."

## DAVIS AND WILLIAMS BUY 3000 SHEEP FROM BOWMAN

Taking over 3000 ewes from Robert Bowman Davis & Williams, two young sheepmen from the interior are preparing to winter their purchase at the Seaward ranch. In the spring they will take the band back into the valley of Harney county. Messrs. Davis and Miller have been in Ontario during the past week securing supplies for their camp.

## What Is Ontario's Greatest Need In Your Opinion?

In every city there is always a number of citizens who express their opinion of the causes that keep that city from reaching its natural opportunities. Ontario has them as well as every town.

In a few weeks Ontario will start a new year—What can the city secure during 1917 which will enhance its prosperity to the greatest degree? During the past week The Argus has sought the opinion of several business men. Only two have given the same answer to this question.

What is your idea? If you will sit down and think on this question and write the results of your thoughts and send them to The Argus they will be printed in this space, which will be reserved for that purpose so long as Argus readers have ideas to offer. Do not be bashful. You may have the idea that will make Ontario the city it should be. Should your idea be a winner you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have done the community in which you live a lasting benefit. If possible communications for this space should be limited to 500 words. Shorter communications, if to the point will be better for then more than one can be used in a single issue.

## FEW VOTERS ATTEND NOMINATING CAUCUS

ONLY TWENTY-FIVE CITIZENS PRESENT WHEN TICKET WAS PREPARED.

## TWO MEMBERS RENOMINATED

Total Lack of Fight for Various Vacancies Indicates that Election December 4 Will Be Prefatory.

There were only 25 citizens present at the caucus held at the city hall Friday evening to nominate candidates for the city council. There was also, no mad scramble to get on the ticket so that in all probability the city election to be held December 4 will be a purely prefatory ratification of the action of the caucus.

The men nominated for the council are: for the two year term: Ward Canfield, L. O. McCoy and C. R. Emison; for the one year term: W. W. Letson and Ray Wilson. Of this list Messrs. Canfield and McCoy are at present serving on the council. Mayor W. F. Homan and Councilman A. L. Cockrum are the only hold-overs.

It is understood that all of the men nominated will qualify and have accepted the nomination. There is no talk of an opposition ticket so there will be no municipal campaign this fall.

The only other matter considered at the caucus was that of the city budget for next year. This was read to the gathering by Mayor W. F. Homan, who was temporary chairman. After it was informally discussed Col. S. F. Taylor was elected permanent chairman and the nomination of the

## ODD FELLOWS HOLD BANQUET SATURDAY

Large Gathering Present to Honor Supreme Officer—Dr. Pogue Is Toastmaster.

A large gathering of Ontario members of the Oddfellows lodge assembled at the lodge rooms last Saturday evening to honor Grand Patriarch Williams who was the guest of the lodge that evening.

Following work by the local order Mr. Williams delivered an eloquent address on the work of Odd-fellowship in the world and inspired the gathering with his remarks. Talks were made by Dr. Pogue and R. S. Rutherford, the oldest member of the local lodge. Following the formal meetings the banquet was served at which Dr. Pogue was toastmaster and many of the local members informally responded when called on for remarks. The occasion furnished an enjoyable get-together evening for the lodgemen.

## NEW APPRAISERS ARE NAMED FOR DRAINAGE

R. D. COOPER OF BURNS AND C. W. MALLET FIND THEY CAN NOT SERVE ON BOARD.

## FIRST MEETING IS DELAYED

Court Names P. Tensen of Nyssa and Charles F. Ashford of Vale to Act With C. C. Hunt of Nyssa.

Owing to the resignation of C. W. Mallett and the inability of R. D. Cooper of Burns to serve on the board, C. C. Hunt of Nyssa was the only member of the board of appraisers for the Malheur Irrigation district to appear at the first scheduled meeting on Monday. The meeting of course was not held but immediate steps were taken to complete the board by the appointment of members to take the places of Messrs. Mallett and Cooper.

The matter was taken up immediately with the county court and P. Tensen of Nyssa and Charles F. Ashford an engineer of Vale were named to serve with Mr. Hunt. The new board will meet as soon as possible so that their work can be completed before the end of the year. It is believed that from three weeks to a month is all that will be required by the board to appraise the land.

The Malheur district comprises 5400 acres. Its south boundary is a mile and a half below the Vale branch tracks while the east line is just west of the city limits and the territory covered extends to three and a half miles west of the city limits.

## EASTERN OREGON CO. APPRAISING HOLDINGS

Crew Analyzing Soil Determining Use to Which Land Might Be Placed Reaches Brogan.

In the near future the Eastern Oregon Land company will have in its possession a complete classification and analysis of all of its holdings from The Dalles to Ontario.

The crew of surveyors and examiners which started down at The Dalles and has been working eastward for some time reached Brogan last Saturday and several of the members came to Ontario to spend Sunday.

The party is directed by A. O. Faulkner. Among its members is George Hardman of this city who took advantage of the opportunity to spend the day with his family here.

SECRETARY BAKER



Among the persistent rumors concerning changes in the cabinet none is more accepted than that of the removal of Secretary of War Baker.

## COCKRUM AND ADAMS TREAD BURNING SAND

W. T. Lampkin and M. E. Newton Take Scottish Rite Degrees. Ontarians Present.

President A. L. Cockrum of the First National Bank and Louis Adams were members of the class of novitiates who "held-onto-the-rope" while crossing the burning sands to the oasis of El Korah Temple last Friday evening at Boise. The ceremonial was attended by fox topped shriners from all over Idaho and a delegation from Ontario including: E. C. Van Petten, E. A. Fraser, J. D. Billingsley, A. F. Tonningsen, Dr. Jacob Prinzing and Harry Jones.

M. E. Newton and W. T. Lampkin spent several days in Boise taking the Scottish Rite degrees going as far as the 18th or Rose Croix.

## MALHEUR POULTRY MEN TO HOLD MEETING HERE

Plans for the Poultry Show to be Held in January Will be Discussed Saturday, December 9.

President A. G. Moore of the Malheur Poultry association has called a meeting of the organization to be held Saturday afternoon, December 9, at the rooms of the Commercial club.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans for the first annual poultry show to be held here during the first week in January. The officers of the association urgently request that all those who raise poultry of any kind or who are interested either commercially or just as fanciers of the feathered tribe to be present at the meeting.

"The profits which have been made by the poultry men and women, for the women are in many cases more successful than the men, during the past season demonstrates beyond a doubt that it is one of the best lines the farmers of this section can engage in," said Dr. Moore, discussing the situation.

"This is an ideal chicken country," he continued. "This year there has been paid thousands of dollars to the chicken and turkey raisers of the Snake river valley. Conditions are very favorable for raising chickens and these profits have been made in spite of the fact that most of the chicken raisers have not given a great deal of care to their flocks. To them it has been a mere sideline. If proper methods were used the profits would be immeasurably greater. It is the purpose of the association to promote the interests of the industry from a commercial viewpoint, so that it will become a real asset to the country and a means of making greater profits for those who will direct their attention to the poultry business."

## SWIFTS TO CUT BIG RANCH INTO TRACTS

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FAMOUS CHICAGO PACKERS VISITS ONTARIO.

## SALE DEPENDS ON RAILROAD

Wm. H. Craven of Texas Declares That the Land Was Bought to Sell and Not to Hold for Ever.

That the great "P" ranch purchased some time since by the Swift company of Chicago will be cut into tracts and sold was the statement made to the Argus Monday by Wm. H. Craven, representative of the company.

Mr. Craven was registered at the Carter House as follows: "Wm. H. Craven, Texas." This laconic line is only a slight exaggeration for Mr. Craven is the Swift company's representative in the Lone Star state where he has charge of immense holdings.

The packers representative was not loquacious when in Ontario and declined to make a definite announcement as to when the big "P" ranch would be divided up for sale.

"Now don't say I was in town," he said with a smile, "for the boss would know as much about me as I do. He has a way of knowing everything that gets into the papers. I am here on my way East after looking over the property. It was my first visit to the ranch and I do not know much about it. You see I come from a portion of the country where the grass grows differently than it does out here."

"They tell me, tho, that it is all right. And I guess it is. No we are not going to put any more cattle on the range covered by the ranch. It was bought to cut up and sell. The Swift company has several big holdings and is selling them off as there is a demand for them."

"No, I can not tell you when the sale will start. You ask the railroad people when they are going to get a road into that country. It is too far from transportation to sell now."

## APPEALS ARE TAKEN BY TWO ALLEGED BOOTLEGGERS

Judge King Adjudget M. Townsend and Elmer Dory Guilty—Jury Says Beagle Is Not.

Judge G. L. King had two interesting sessions of his court during the past few days hearing cases against alleged bootleggers. Two of these drew light fines, the assessment being \$50 while the third, who demanded a jury trial was declared not guilty.

The cases grew out of the alleged sale of booze to C. E. Charles and Ivan Wells last week here in Ontario. M. Townsend was charged with making the sale to Charles while Dory was charged with making the transfer with Wells. Beagle also was said to have arranged to quench the thirst of Charles.

The first two cases were tried by Judge on Saturday without a jury. C. McGonagill appeared for the defendants while District Attorney W. H. Brooke presented the evidence for the state. The arrests were made by a Marshal Harry Farmer, who secured the information from Charles and Wells. The defendants endeavored to establish an alibi. They claimed that the sales at eight o'clock while the states witnesses declared that the sales took place at nine o'clock. After listening to the testimony the judge fined both of the defendants \$50 and costs.

## Jury Gives Verdict.

On Monday the case of Beagle was tried before a jury. Again an alibi was maintained by the defense and the testimony of the state witnesses failing to dovetail completely resulted in a verdict of not guilty.

Notice of appeal in the two cases of conviction were filed by Attorney McGonagill. A large audience heard the case on Monday and an exceptional degree of interest was manifested by citizens generally.